

**Reminder: \*Steel shot is required on all GPA's and WPA's ERD Opener this weekend: Rifle hunters are required to wear Orange!!!**

## Aurora County

Lynn Geuke



**Fishing report:**

**Wilmarth Mitchell:** **NO VEHICLES OFF ROAD.**

**Reminder:** The minimum length limit on Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass in the lake is **15"**  
**THE ENTIRE LAKE OF WILMARTH IS A NO WAKE ZONE!**

**Nelson Lake:** No report. **NO VEHICLES DRIVING OFF ROADS.**



**Hunting report:** Pheasant hunter success has been good in the area... most individuals have done well walking public road right of ways and Game Production Areas. Duck hunting was decent this past weekend. The cold weather and snow should speed up the migration. Deer have been rutting in the area.

## Beadle County

Chris Kuntz



**Fishing Report:** A couple walleye have been caught near the 3rd St dam, slow overall.

**James River:** No activity.

**Lake Byron:** No activity.

**Mud Lake:** No activity.

**Cavour Lake:** No activity.

**Ravine:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Pheasant hunters have been having good success averaging about 2 birds/ hunter. Waterfowl hunters had good success this past week but the cold weather and snow pushed a lot of birds out.

Remember to make sure you are at least 660ft away from any occupied dwelling, livestock, church or school when road hunting.

## Bon Homme County

Todd Crownover



**Fishing Report**

**Missouri River:** No activity.

**Lake Henry:** No activity.

Remember bass size is 15 inches.

**Clear Lake:** No report.

**Merkel Lake (Singleton GPA):** No report.

**Heritage GPA:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Pheasant hunters are finding more birds than expected. Waterfowl hunters are having good success. The cold weather has pushed the birds in. Don't expect them to stay long though. Archery hunters are surprisingly harvesting some good bucks.

## Brookings County

Jeff Grendler



### Fishing Reports:

**Lake Sinai:** Fishing has been slow.

**West Lake Oakwood:** No activity.

**East Oakwood:** No Activity.

**Oak Lake:** No activity.

**Brush Lake:** No activity.

**Lake Poinsett:** No report.

**East 81 ponds:** No activity.

**Lake Hendricks:** Slow, little to no activity.

**Lake Goldsmith:** Slow little to no activity.

**Lake Campbell:** No Activity.

**Dakota Nature Park:** Slow.

**Interstate Lake:** Slow.



**Hunting Report:** Waterfowl hunters saw good success the past week. With the cold temps and snow a lot of birds got pushed out. Late season hunters should look for opportunities in the field or on big bodies of water that are not frozen over as all small ponds have frozen over.

## Clay County

Tony Stokely



### Fishing Report:

**Missouri River:** No activity.

**Vermillion River:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Waterfowl hunters finding success picking up along Missouri River. Sandbars in the Missouri River totally surrounded by water are considered public hunting according to South Dakota. Archery hunters will increase success with harvest nearing completion and the rut beginning. Archery hunters are reminded that bait stations and salt/mineral blocks are illegal to use for big game.

## Davison County

Andy Petersen



### Fishing Report:

**Remember Firesteel Creek is off limits to the taking of any baitfish.**

**Lake Mitchell:** No report.

**James River:** No report.



**Hunting Report:** With the cold weather, look for wildlife to be on the move. Waterfowl are being pushed out with ponds freezing over and deer have been rutting for the past two weeks. Pheasant hunters willing to brave the cold have found a few birds.

# Hanson County

Andy Petersen/Matt Talbert



## Fishing Report:

**Lake Hanson:** No Report

**Ethan Dam:** No Report

**James River:** No Report



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# Hutchinson County

Brian Humphrey



**Fishing:** No fishing activity observed.



**Hunting:** Pheasant hunting remains good on public land. Seeing some deer moving and archery hunters are reporting seeing some deer. Waterfowl numbers were really good the past week. Fields and big bodies of water that have not frozen over should present some good opportunities. Scouting will be key.

# Jerauld County

Lynn Geuke



**Fishing Report:** No report.



**Hunting Report:** Pheasant hunter success has been good in the area... most individuals have done well walking public road right of ways and Game Production Areas. Duck hunting was decent this past week. The cold weather and snow has sped up the migration. Deer have been rutting in the area.

# Kingsbury County

Shane Van Bockern



**Fishing Reports:** No activity

**Lake Thompson:** No activity.

**West 81:** No activity.

**Lake Whitewood:** No activity.

**Lake Henry:** No activity.

**Lake Albert:** No activity.

**Spirit Lake:** No activity.

**Lake Preston:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Some waterfowl are still in the area. Waterfowl hunters should focus on field opportunities and big bodies of water that have not frozen over yet. The rut has been ongoing. With colder temps and snow, look for deer to be on the move.

# Lake County

Cody Symens



## Fishing Report:

**Lake Madison:** Minimal pressure.

**Lake Herman:** Minimal pressure.

**Brant Lake:** Minimal angling pressure.

**Long Lake:** No report.

**Lake Henry:** Minimal pressure.

**Lake George:** Slow.



**Hunting Report:** Waterfowl are on the move. All small ponds have frozen over and even the lakes have almost completely frozen over. Deer are on the move as well with the rut underway and colder weather. Pheasant hunters are still finding a few birds here and there.

# Lincoln County

Nate Stukel



## Fishing Report:

**Big Sioux:** Very little fishing activity this past week.

**Hudson:** No activity.

**Lake Alvin:** No activity.

**Lake Lakota:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Waterfowl seemed to have moved on. Hunters targeting late season ducks on the river are reminded that they can only hunt from the South Dakota side. Deer have really been on the move the last two weeks. Some decent bucks have been harvested. Pheasant hunting has picked up a bit with the recent snow.

# McCook County

Matt Talbert



## Fishing Report:

**Lake Vermillion:** Minimal activity.

**Island Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Lehrman Slough:** No fishing activity seen.



**Hunting Report:** Duck numbers spiked quick and have dropped off lately with the colder temps freezing all small ponds and even big bodies of water. There are still a few around but scouting will be key. Pheasant hunters are still finding a few birds here and there.

# Miner County

Evan Meyer



**Fishing Report:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Pheasant hunters are still finding birds. Waterfowl migration has been in full swing with the big changes in the weather. Archery hunters are in good mood as mature bucks are being spotted in day light hours. Reminder of road hunting regulations when it pertains to cattle!!!!

# Minnehaha County

Jared Hill



## Fishing Report:

**Beaver Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Scott Slough:** Minimal activity.

**Island Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Loss Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Lost Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Twin Lakes:** Minimal activity. (REMEMBER: 28 inch minimum on Walleyes.)

**Family Park:** Minimal activity.

**Wall Lake:** Minimal activity.

**Clear Lake:** No reports.



**Hunting Report:** All wildlife has been on the move. Waterfowl seem to have moved on. A few birds are still in the area but don't expect them to stay long. **Reminder – Be aware of where you are and what around you when hunting.**

# Moody County

Chad Williams



## Fishing Report:

**Big Sioux River:** No activity.



**Hunting Report:** Hunters are averaging about a bird per person in the areas with higher numbers of pheasants. Hunters that have been successful were hunting the evening (last couple hours) near good stands of grass. Deer have really been on the move lately. Most waterfowl have moved on.

# Sanborn County

Evan Meyer



**Fishing Report:** Fishing activity has been minimal in the county.



**Hunting Report:** Pheasant hunters are still finding birds. Waterfowl migration has been in full swing with the big changes in the weather. Archery hunters are in good mood as mature bucks are being spotted in day light hours. Reminder of road hunting regulations when it pertains to cattle!!!!

# Turner County

Brian Humphrey



**Fishing Report:** No fishing activity observed.



**Hunting:** Pheasant hunting remains good on public land. Seeing some deer moving and archery hunters are reporting seeing some deer. Waterfowl numbers were really good the past week. Fields and big bodies of water that have not frozen over should present some good opportunities. Scouting will be key.

# Union County

Tony Stokely / Nate Stukel



## Fishing Report:

**Missouri River:** Few anglers finding paddlefish, many in the slot.

**Big Sioux River:** Low activity.

**McCook Lake:** Little to no activity.

**Reminder:** There must be a wearable lifejacket of appropriate size for everybody on board your boat.



**Hunting Report:** Deer activity has really picked up due to crops being harvested and with the start of the rut. There are a few pockets of waterfall in the area. Pheasant hunting is still lacking in the area. Snow cover should help hunters.

# Yankton County

Dan Altman



## Fishing Report:

**Marindahl:** No activity.

**Lewis and Clark:** No activity.

**James River:** No activity.

**Lake Yankton:** **DEAD!!!**

**Missouri River:** No activity



**Hunting Report:** Waterfowl hunters have had good success hunting the river. Archery hunters have had some success the past two weeks as deer have been on the move. A few pheasant are being harvested as well but some snow cover should help.